

Public Notice

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Nashville District

Application No. 2004-01774

Please address all comments to: Nashville District Corps of Engineers, Regulatory Branch (Attn: David Baldridge) 3701 Bell Road, Nashville, TN 37214 david.e.baldridge@usace.army.mil

JOINT PUBLIC NOTICE US ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS AND STATE OF TENNESSEE

SUBJECT: Proposed Deposition of Fill Material into 3.7 acres of Wetlands and Stream Relocation for Construction of the Savannah Christian Academy and Expansion of Sharon Baptist Church, Unnamed Tributary to Horse Creek at Mile 3.7 Left Bank, a Tributary to the Tennessee River at Mile 179.7 Right Bank, Hardin County, TN

TO ALL CONCERNED: The application described below has been submitted for a Department of the Army Permit pursuant to Section 404 of the Clean Water Act (CWA). Before a permit can be issued, the State of Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation, pursuant to Section 401(a) (1) of the CWA, must provide certification that applicable water quality standards will not be violated. By copy of this notice, the applicant hereby applies for the required certification.

APPLICANT:

Sharon Baptist Church 3514 Cravens Road Savannah, TN 38372

LOCATION: Wetlands adjacent to an unnamed tributary and an unnamed tributary of Horse Creek, East of Cravens Road. Horse Creek is a tributary of the Tennessee River at Mile 179.9, Right Bank. USGS Quad Map Hookers Bend, Hardin County, Tennessee; Latitude N35° 16' 44.06", Longitude W88° 13' 32.84"

DESCRIPTION: The proposed action is the deposit of fill material into 3.75 acres of partially forested wetlands and the relocation of approximately 640 linear feet of an adjacent intermittent unnamed tributary to Horse Creek. A wetland delineation, prepared by Dowling Environmental Services, Mobile, AL, was submitted with the permit application. The Corps of Engineers verified the findings of the delineation by letter dated April 15, 2005. The stream would be relocated into approximately 820 linear feet of new channel, approximately 45 linear feet of which would be encapsulated for a

proposed road crossing. The proposed new stream would mimic the existing stream in width, depth, and storm carrying capacity.

The applicant proposes to mitigate for the loss of the 3.75 acres of wetlands by creating 5.3 acres of wetlands and by enhancing an additional 6 acres of existing wetlands that have been clear cut. The enhancement would involve planting and maintaining native mast producing hardwood seedlings. The wetland mitigation site would be secured for perpetuity with a permanent deed restriction. This area would remain the property of the owner and the owner would retain all other rights to the area such as recreation and subsurface resources. The applicant proposes to mitigate for the stream impacts by creating a new channel and planting native trees and shrubs to create vegetated riparian buffer a minimum of twenty feet wide from the center of the stream. Plans of the proposed work are attached to this notice.

The decision whether to issue a permit will be based on an evaluation of the probable impacts including cumulative impacts of the activity on the public interest. That decision will reflect the national concern for both protection and utilization of important resources. The benefit which reasonably may be expected to accrue from the work must be balanced against its reasonably foreseeable detriments. All factors which may be relevant to the work will be considered including the cumulative effects thereof; among those are conservation, economics, aesthetics, general environmental concerns, wetlands, cultural values, fish and wildlife values, flood hazards, floodplain values, land use, navigation, shore erosion and accretion, recreation, water supply and conservation, water quality, energy needs, safety, food and fiber production, mineral needs, considerations of property ownership, and, in general, the needs and welfare of the people. In addition, the evaluation of the impact of the activity on the public interest will include application of the guidelines promulgated by the Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, under authority of Section 404(b)(1) of the CWA (40 CFR Part 230). A permit will be granted unless the District Engineer determines that it would be contrary to the public interest.

The Corps of Engineers is soliciting comments from the public; federal, state, and local agencies and officials; Indian Tribes; and other interested parties in order to consider and evaluate the impacts of this proposed activity. Any comments received will be considered by the Corps of Engineers to determine whether to issue, modify, condition, or deny a permit for this proposal. To make this decision, comments are used to assess impacts on endangered species, historic properties, water quality, general environmental effects, and the other public interest factors listed above. Comments are used in the preparation of an Environmental Assessment and/or an Environmental Impact Statement pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act. Comments are also used to determine the need for a public hearing and to determine the overall public interest of the proposed activity.

An Environmental Assessment will be prepared by this office prior to a final decision concerning issuance or denial of the requested Department of the Army Permit.

The National Register of Historic Places has been consulted and no properties listed in or eligible for the National Register are known which would be affected by the proposed work. This review constitutes the full extent of cultural resources investigations unless comment to this notice is received documenting that significant sites or properties exist which may be affected by this work, or that adequately documents that a potential exists for the location of significant sites or properties within the permit area. Copies of this notice are being sent to the office of the State Historic Preservation Officer.

Based on available information, the proposed work will not destroy or endanger any Federally-listed threatened or endangered species or their critical habitats, as identified under the Endangered Species Act. Therefore, we have reached a no effect determination and initiation of formal consultation procedures with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service is not planned at this time. Other federal, state, and/or local approvals required for the proposed work are as follows:

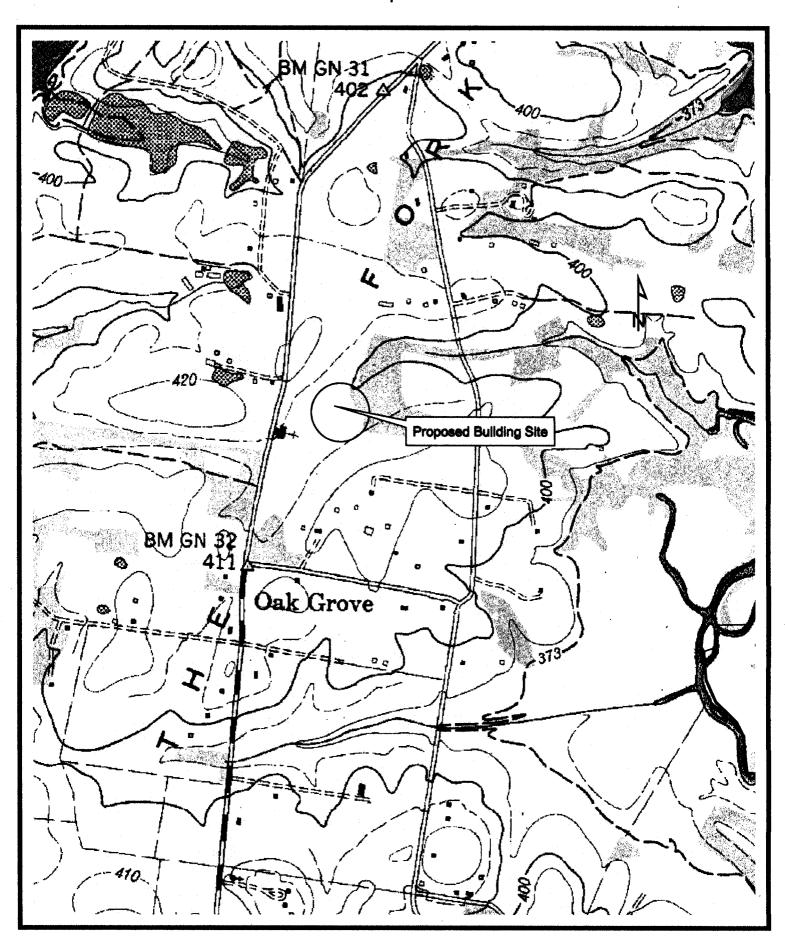
Water quality certification from the state of Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation (TDEC) in accordance with Section 401(a)(1) of the CWA.

Any person may request, in writing, within the comment period specified in this notice, that a public hearing be held to consider this application. Requests for public hearings shall state, with particularity, the reasons for holding a public hearing.

Written statements received in this office on or before August 25, 2005 will become a part of the record and will be considered in the determination. Any response to this notice should be directed to the Regulatory Branch, Attention: David Baldridge, at the above address, telephone (615) 369-7521.

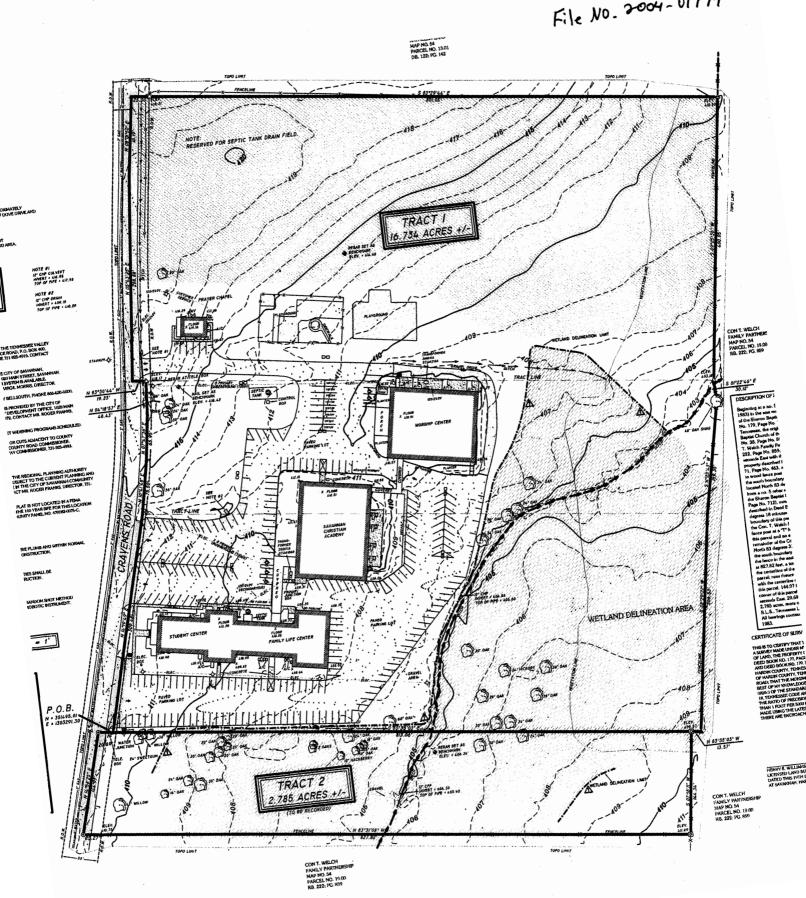
It is not necessary to comment separately to TDEC since copies of all comments will be sent to them and will become part of their record on the proposal.

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